

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on January 24, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 46, 1/20/2017; HB 89, 1/20/2017; HB 261, 1/20/2017; HB 284, 1/20/2017

00:02:02 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 261

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:31 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 261, Extending termination date for statutory appropriation to public libraries.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:45 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a01\)](#)

00:11:20 John Finn, Lewis and Clark Public Library

00:14:42 Rep. Cuffe joined the meeting

00:15:10 Mark Wetherington, Bitterroot Public Library

00:19:12 Kim Crowley, ImagineIF Libraries

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a02\)](#)

00:25:32 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association

00:28:18 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:29:11 Rep. Tschida joined the meeting

00:29:25 Rep. Woods joined the meeting

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:50 Rep. Burnett

00:30:21 John Finn, Lewis & Clark Public Library

00:30:29 Rep. Burnett

00:30:45 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting

00:30:53 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library

00:31:47 Rep. Burnett

00:32:00 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library

00:32:44 Vice Chair McCarthy

00:33:10 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:33:46 Rep. Holmlund

00:34:15 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:35 Rep. Garner

HEARING ON HB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:10 Sen. Swandal (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on HB 46, Generally revising funding for civil legal aid.

00:36:25 Rep. Lynch joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:28 Beth Baker, Montana Supreme Court

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a04\)](#)

00:50:00 Andrew Huff, Governor's Office

00:50:40 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:51:35 Amy Grmoljez, self

00:53:21 Jane Amdahl, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a05\)](#)

00:56:18 Ed Bartlett, State Bar of Montana

00:58:33 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a06\)](#)

01:01:56 Bridger Mahlun, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:03:17 Niki Zupanic, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

01:03:58 Brian Thompson, Montana Collectors Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:01 Rep. Ellis

01:05:36 Sen. Swandal

01:05:49 Beth Baker, Montana Supreme Court

01:07:31 Rep. Burnett

01:09:24 Beth Baker, Montana Supreme Court

01:11:01 Chair Ballance

01:11:15 Beth Baker, Montana Supreme Court

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:39 Sen. Swandal

HEARING ON HB 284

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:27 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 284, Revise funding for food and agriculture development centers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:14 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

01:16:33 Joe Willauer, Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development

01:21:39 Taylor Lyon, Bear Paw Development Corporation

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a09\)](#)

01:22:31 Jan Tusick, Lake County Community Development

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a11\)](#)

01:27:13 Jake Teselle, Crooked Yard Hops

01:29:59 Deb Wheaton, Gluten-Free Prairie

[EXHIBIT\(aph17a12\)](#)

01:35:49 Nolan Smith, Philipsburg Brewing Company

01:37:21 Jeff Droge, Dry Hills Distillery

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:40:27 Libby Lovshin, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:36 Rep. Holmlund
 01:42:12 Libby Lovshin, MDA
 01:43:00 Rep. Holmlund
 01:43:09 Chair Ballance
 01:43:36 Libby Lovshin, MDA
 01:43:54 Chair Ballance
 01:44:02 Rep. Keane
 01:45:22 Libby Lovshin, MDA
 01:45:38 Vice Chair McCarthy
 01:47:01 Libby Lovshin, MDA
 01:47:23 Chair Ballance
 01:47:49 Vice Chair McCarthy
 01:47:57 Chris Christiaens, MFU
 01:48:35 Vice Chair McCarthy
 01:49:31 Chair Ballance
 01:49:56 Rep. Cuffe
 01:50:24 Libby Lovshin, MDA
 01:50:47 Rep. Burnett
 01:51:11 Libby Lovshin, MDA
 01:51:27 Rep. Burnett
 01:51:40 Vice Chair McCarthy
 01:52:41 Chris Christiaens, MFU
 01:53:58 Vice Chair McCarthy

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:22 Rep. Lenz

01:54:23 Rep. Cook joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:56:00 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 89, Establish holistic defense pilot project within state public defender system.

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph17a13)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:01:34 Peter Ohman, Public Defender's Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:56 Rep. Dudik

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89

02:03:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glimm moved that **HB 89 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.

02:03:50 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:04:30

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph17aad.pdf](#))